(b) if so, what are the research wings that have been set up and whether any concrete proposals in this regard has been formulated; and

(c) if so, whether the Centre has agreed to help the State Government in setting up these Research and Extension Centres in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Assistance for implementation of drinking water scheme in Madyha Pradesh

294. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh had allotted a sum of Rs. 26.50 crores for the implementation of drinking water schemes in urban areas of the State this year;

(b) if so, whether the Centre had also provided and allotted a sum for implementation of the drinking water schemes in the urban areas in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what was the total amount spent by the State Government for implementation of drinking water schemes that have been implemented in the State and how many people have been provided drinking water under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes. Their Annual Plan for 1988-89 provides this outlay.

(b) There is no Central assistance scheme for urban water supply and sanitation programme.

(c) As per the information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Rs. 8.68 crores have been spent from 1-4-88 to 30-9-88. The population benefitted is about two lakhs.

Promotion of food processing industry

295. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revamp the institutional framework for promoting food processing industry;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up three Councils to boost the food processing industry;

(c) if so, to what extent setting up of the three councils is likely to help in boosting the food processing industry; and

(d) whether Government have prepared any action plan to promote food processing units in the country; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Development Councils will discuss and suggest to the Ministry changes in policy required to develop food processing industries, discuss efficacy of various related activities and suggest modifications, if any, needed.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

The following steps have been taken:—

(i) Formation of Development Councils for food/fruits and vegetables/fish processing;

(ii) State Governments have been asked to form a nodal department for coordination of activities related to Food Processing Industries;

(iii) A data base would be built in the Ministry on particulars relating to Food Processing Industries;

(iv) Sector-wise Working Groups would be set up on Food Processing Industries;

(v) Regional/State level meetings of concerned agencies will be held for finalisation of State-wise Action Plans.

(vi) S & T Advisory Council for the Ministry would be set up (this would coordinate closely with the Development Council).

(vii) Measures for improving capacity utilisation of existing fruit based plants would be initiated and linkages between these units and producers would be established;

(viii) All pending proposals in the food processing sector would be reviewed and cleared;

(ix) New proposals would be examined, processed and recommended as expeditiously as possible;

(x) Rationalisation of existing rules and procedures relating to imports, foreign collaboration etc. would be worked out.

(xi) Fiscal and taxation package for the industry would be finalised.

Telecast of programmes in M.P.

296. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal has agreed to telecast atleast 50 programmes annually prepared by all the seven zonal cultural centres of the Ministry of Human Resource Development;

(b) if so, what are the cultural programmes that have been agreed to be telecast through the Indore Doordarshan Kendra; and

(c) whether education oriented programmes are also being considered to be telecast in the State of Madhya Pradesh; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir, Doordarshan Kendra at Bhopal and Indore do not have programme production or playback facilities and transmitters at these Kendras relay programmes telecast from Delhi, including those of zonal cultural centres.

(c) The Educational Television programmes in Hindi telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi between 9.45 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on school working days and the UGC programmes telecast from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. and repeated from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. the same day are already being carried by Bhopal and Indore transmitters.

Upgradation of AIR Coimbatore

297. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the power of AIR transmitter at Coimbatore;

(b) whether it is a fact that a powerful foreign station is operating on the same wave length of 999 KHZ; and

(c) if so, the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?